**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF DR. LAURENS WARREN FORT, JR., OF CHESTER COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of Dr. Laurens Warren Fort, Jr., at the age of seventy‑seven on Thursday, March 23, 2017; and

Whereas, born in Great Falls on March 18, 1940, he was a son of the late Dr. L. W. Fort, Sr., and Grace Hunt Fort, and he graduated from Great Falls High School; and

Whereas, a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity, Dr. Fort attended Emory University and earned a bachelor’s degree from Wofford College; and

Whereas, he received a medical degree in dentistry from the University of Louisville in Kentucky, and in the patriotic tradition of sons of the Palmetto State, he served in the United States Air Force Dental Corps with distinction; and

Whereas, in 1971, Dr. Fort returned to Great Falls where he practiced dentistry until his death, serving for the past twenty years as a reserve police officer for Great Falls and on the Chester County School District Board of Trustees for the past ten years; and

Whereas, he was instrumental in implementing one‑to‑one computing that enhanced teaching and learning for the district’s schools and was an advocate for early childhood initiatives, the performing arts, athletics, and career and technology educational programs; and

Whereas, dedicated to his community, he advocated for the Great Falls Middle and High schools’ athletic events and volunteered his time as the athletic photographer for the Great Falls Red Devils; and

Whereas, a faithful and active member of Mt. Dearborn United Methodist Church, Dr. Fort was active in various church leadership positions; and

Whereas, together with his beloved wife, Brenda Seebold Fort, he reared two fine sons: Laurens Fort III and Jamie Fort. They blessed him with the affection of five adoring grandchildren: Matthew, Justin, and Jesse Fort; and Christian and Will Banks; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the life and legacy of Laurens Fort and for the example of caring dedication and kindness he set for all who knew him. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, express their profound sorrow upon the passing of Dr. Laurens Warren Fort, Jr., of Chester County and extend their deepest sympathy to his large and loving family and his many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Dr. Laurens Warren Fort, Jr.

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